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Bracket Assembly and Methods Therefor

MAIL STOP: PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents for filing in the subject patent
application:

Response to Notice of Abandonment, including copy of Response
to Office Action of March 1, 2004 as filed March 30, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Notice of Abandonment in the subject patent application dated October 5, 2004, the Examiner's attention is directed to the enclosed documents which indicate that a response to the Office Action of March 1, 2004 was, indeed, timely filed on March 30, 2004. The enclosed documents include copies of Applicant's return receipt, date-stamped by the OIPE on March 30, 2004; and Applicant's Transmittal sheet and Response as filed March 30, 2004.

As clearly indicated by the enclosed documents, there has been no abandonment of the subject application; and, therefore, Applicant respectfully requests

that the Notice of Abandonment be immediately withdrawn and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office proceed with prosecution on the merits of the subject application.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert H. Epstein', written over a horizontal line.

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